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Dear K-P Wittig,

One area which seems to be missing from the outline is end customer involvement. I would suggest something along the following lines, to be included perhaps under SCIT Goals:

"To understand the information needs and filing requirements of applicants and to develop electronic services keeping in mind the need to deliver benefits both to applicants and intellectual property offices."

International cooperation is mentioned under the draft heading "Assumptions and Constraints" and I would hope WIPO and MIPEX could benefit by sharing experiences and working together in a number of the areas mentioned. The International Bureau have copies of the MIPEX evaulation report and our future work programme.

We have invited the IT specialists at the IB over to the UK to talk about possible cooperation on the security services work and I would be happy to discuss other areas of cooperation.

Kind regards,

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